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Promulgation of an order under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate of Kozhikode.

* 1291 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that an order under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code has been promulgated by the Stationary Sub-Magistrate of Kozhikode on 9th April 1954 prohibiting meetings and demonstrations within the Municipal limits and 3 miles surrounding the Municipal limits, and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

* 1292 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an order under section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code has been promulgated in and around Kozhikode, Malabar, for four days from 9th April 1954 prohibiting public meetings, processions, demonstrations, etc.; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to the starred question No. 1291 given notice of by Sri K. P. Gopalan, M.L.A."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" In the statement, it is stated that the Muslim League Conference was allowed to be held in Kozhikode in spite of the prohibitory order. But trade union organizations which were working for communal harmony were not given permission to hold meetings or to take processions for carrying on propaganda in favour of communal unity. May I know from the Hon. Minister why the trade union organizations should be treated in a different way from the Muslim League? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not know whether any applications were made by the trade union organizations for holding any public meeting and whether they were refused permission. Anyhow, I shall look into the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Was it not just to oblige the sponsors of the Muslim League Conference that this order was not made applicable to that Conference? May I also know whether it is not a fact that the reason given by the Government for promulgating the order, viz., Hindu-Muslim communal tension, is incorrect? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The construction put by the hon. Member is completely wrong."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix I on page 591 infra.**